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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON DIRECT ELECTION  
OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS,  
DURING FORMAL SIGNING CEREMONY AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING,  
WILL ADOPT A COUNCIL DECISION AND "ACT" FOR SUBMISSION TO  
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS TO IMPLEMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THEREAFTER IT WILL BE UP TO THE  
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE HOW TO CARRY OUT THEIR COMMIT-  
MENT. NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE SOME DIFFICULTIES ALONG THE  
ROUTE, BUT MOMENTUM TOWARD THE GOAL OF HOLDING THE FIRST  
DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1978 NOW SEEMS IRRESISTIBLE.

2. WHILE NO ONE CAN SAFELY PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER  
WELL OVER A HUNDRED MILLION EUROPEANS GO TO THE POLLS TO  
ELECT A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, IT WILL CLEARLY BE AN HISTOIC  
EVENT WHICH COULD PROVIDE A NEEDED STIMULUS FOR DRAWING  
EUROPEANS MORE CLOSELY TOGEHTER.

3. IN VIEW OF OUR CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN  
UNITY OVER THE YEARS, I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT,  
FOLLOWING THE EXPECTED DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 20,  
ISSUE A STATEMENT WELCOMING THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE  
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TIMELINESS OF SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD OF COURSE BE

ENHANCED BY THE FACT THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, NEXT WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. WE UNDERSTAND THEY MAY BE INVITED TO DINNER IN SPRINGFIELD WHERE PRESIDENT WILL BE SPEAKING.

4. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT IS ADVANCED FOR STARTERS:  
QUOTE I CONGRATULATE THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE FORMAL DECISION IT HAS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 20 TO IMPLEMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE. THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION BY MILLIONS OF EUROPEANS FROM THE NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EC IN THE SELECTION OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN A EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY WILL BE AN EVENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE TO ALL PEOPLES WHO SHARE A TRADITION OF VIGOROUS PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. IT REFLECTS EUROPEAN ASPIRATIONS FOR GREATER UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE, A GOAL WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED FOR THE LAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. LATER THIS WEEK, I PLAN PERSONALLY TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT TO A GROUP OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS, LED BY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GEORGES SPENALE, PRESENTLY VISITING THIS COUNTRY. UNQUOTE.HINTON

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